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Thinking About a New Automation System?

Consider Being a Pioneer

You have heard about the **Pioneer Consortium**, but you may have wondered, exactly how is this supposed to work? The major goal of the consortium is to develop a Nebraska union catalog. The plan is to use Koha, an open source integrated library system, for circulation, cataloging, public access catalog, acquisitions, and other modules required by most libraries. Koha is different than most products that libraries buy for these functions, in that there is no cost for the software. The libraries are, however, required to pay for technical support. **Pioneer Consortium** has reached an agreement with LibLime, a division of Progressive Technology Federal System, Inc., to host and maintain their system. PTFS will provide the technical support to install, configure, run, and upgrade the Koha system. An explanation of the costs associated with joining the Pioneer Consortium can be found on the Pioneer Koha Blog at <http://lclpioneer.wordpress.com/2010/12/22/questions-of-koha-through-pioneer-cost/>. It is intended that member libraries will see an overall cost savings and receive the benefits of an advanced integrated library system with no local responsibility for server maintenance.

The **Pioneer Consortium** intends to create a union catalog which allows access to the collections of member libraries across the state. This collaborative project will help develop state-wide library service by bringing

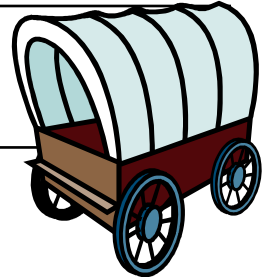
geographically diverse libraries of varying types and sizes together into a shared catalog. It will

provide a means to create partnerships and connections between the participating communities. The project will allow individuals in member libraries to have increased access to information through the shared catalog. Both urban and rural libraries will benefit from the diversity of the collections in the state.

I recently spoke with Steve Fosselman to get the latest information about the project. The Consortium Council met in late January to approve up to 15-20 new members. The focus for this "first wave" of new members is to add accredited public libraries with catalogs using MARC records. The selected libraries will have varying migration and go-live dates throughout 2011. The original Consortium members are currently migrating their records and plan to be up and running by the end of April. After the system is live, they will be hosting educational sessions for interested librarians.

How do you prepare to become part of this exciting project? First, because part of the cost of joining is directly related to the number of items included in your catalog, it is vitally important to carefully weed your collection. Purging old, unused patron records is also recommended.

For more information about this project, go to <http://lclpioneer.wordpress.com/>. If you have questions or comments about the **Pioneer Consortium**, please contact Council President, Steve Fosselman at sf@gi.lib.ne.us or 308-385-5333.



Let's Get Acquainted

Please come and meet Denise, the new system administrator for the Republican Valley Library System.

Bring library stories and questions. We'll have coffee and treats.

February 16, 2011

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

RVLS Office

February 18, 2011

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Culbertson Public Library

503 New York

Culbertson, NE



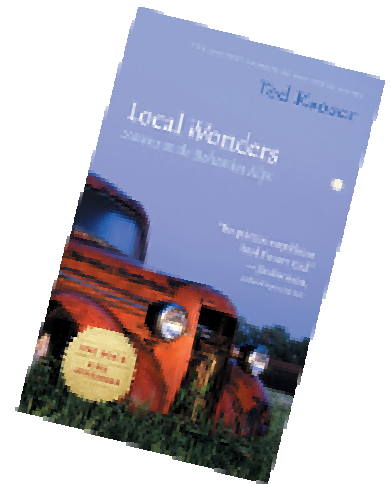
Denise would like to meet as many public, school and special librarians as possible. She will have her calendar along, and will be scheduling appointments for future visits to your library.

2011 One Book One Nebraska

Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps

by Ted Kooser

Since 2005, the Nebraska Center for the Book has selected “One Book” for the state of Nebraska to read. The Center’s website explains that “this dynamic program cultivates a culture of reading and discussion in our State by bringing our diverse state together around one great book by a Nebraska author.”



The Republican Valley Library System has a Book Club Kit for this book. Call the office to request it for your Discussion Group or community.

RVLS NEWS

The Wallace Public School has a new polycom located in the library this year. The elementary and high school students have been to places most would never have the opportunity to visit. The Junior High and High School students spent an amazing hour with a holocaust survivor. The elementary students have been to the San Diego Zoo, Plymouth Plantation and talked with author Laura Numeroff. The students found out that Laura only writes children books and two of her favorite



books are "Eloise", and "Stuart Little". More amazing trips are planned for the new year. The polycom trips have been funded by an Applegate Community Grant that ESU #16 received. - Submitted by Deb Jameson

RVLS has a new resource DVD available.

It is

Redesigning Today's Public Services: Focus on Reference.

If you are interested in viewing this DVD, please let us know and we will get it to you as soon as possible.



New Basic Skills

Basic Skills courses are all online. Instead of 4 classes, there are now 13 shorter modules—6 required and 7 elective. Each module takes 2-3 weeks and you have three years to complete the courses. Registration opens about one month before the module starts. Space the classes out. Do not try to complete all the courses in one year. Every learning module will be offered at least once in 2011 and again in 2012. After that class demand will determine the schedule. For more information about the modules, and the complete schedule see: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/nbscourses.html>.

Spring Class Schedule

Management & Supervision

2/14 – 2/25

Library Finance

3/7 – 3/18

Community and the Library

4/4 – 4/15

Library Policy

4/18 – 4/29

Programming and Outreach

5/9 – 5/20

Organization of Materials

6/6 – 7/1

Remember: the RVLS website address is : libraries.ne.gov/rvls

Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, **if you want on the schedule please contact us**, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

February 1, 2011—
Oxford Public Library,
Oxford, NE

March 1, 2011—
Harvard Public Schools,
Harvard, NE

April 1, 2011
Wallace School Library
Wallace, NE

May 1, 2011—
Hastings Memorial Library Grant, NE

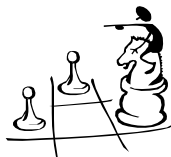
The Ellison has not been booked for June 1st or thereafter.

If you would like to schedule the Ellison for your facility, please

e-mail us at:

rvlsasst@inebraska.com or rvlsadmin@inebraska.com

It's Your Move



New for 2011

Online Report Form for C.E. Activities

Reporting your Continuing Education Credits just got easier!!
There is a new online report form at:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/libcertceu.asp>

The print version is still available if you prefer to mail your information to the Library Commission. Be sure to submit your activities within 90 days to get credit for them.



Calling all NEW Public Library Directors

If you have been a Public Library Director for less than 3 years, please make time to attend Critical Conversations. This group discussion is designed to give you a good background and a philosophical understanding for topics important to your new job.

March 22, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Budgeting

Central Community College

Grand Island Campus

Please call the RVLS Office to register.

RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information:



Send to: Republican Valley Library System
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2011 Notable Books List

The American Library Association's Reference and User Services Division (RUSA) posted its selections for the 2011 Notable Books List for Adult Readers to the official RUSA Blog—rusa.ala.org/blog/2011/01/09/2011notablebooks/ on January 9, 2011. According to the Blog posting, this list of “about 25 very good, very readable, and at times very important fiction, nonfiction, and poetry books for the adult reader” has been in existence since 1944. Visit the RUSA Blog for complete publishing information and short synopses.

Fiction:

Nashville Chrome, by Rick Bass

Room: A Novel, by Emma Donoghue

A Visit from the Goon Squad, by Jennifer Egan

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter, by Tom Franklin

Freedom, by Jonathan Franzen

Next, by James Hynes

The Surrendered, by Chang Rae Lee

Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War, by Karl Marlantes

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet: A Novel, by David Mitchell

Skipppy Dies, by Paul Murray

The Lotus Eaters, by Tatjana Soli

The Lonely Polygamist: A Novel, by Brady Udall

Nonfiction:

Washington: A Life, by Ron Chernow

The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Family's Century of Art and Loss, by Edmund de Waal

Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea, by Barbara Demick

Travels in Siberia, by Ian Frazier

The Price of Altruism: George Price and the Search for the Origins of Kindness, by Oren Harman

Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition, by Daniel Okrent

Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour, by Lynne Olson

The Last Stand: Custer Sitting Bull, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn, by Nathaniel Philbrick

The Immortal Lie of Henrietta Lacks, by Rebecca Skloot

Just Kids, by Patti Smith

The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival, by John Vaillant

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration, by Isabel Wilkerson

Poetry:

Unincorporated Persons in the Late Honda Dynasty: Poems, by Tony Hoagland

Wait: Poems, by C.K. Williams

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting

January 7, 2011 10:00 a.m.

Franklin Public Library ~ 1502 P Street ~ Franklin, NE

PRESENT: Tony Anderson, Vicki Casper, Beth Falla, Jane Hilton, Mo Khamouna, Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery, Nancy Sherwood, and Dana Wade.

ABSENT: Mary Nelson, Sylvia Person, Claudette Wielechowski.

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Harders (System Director), Kay Kloppenborg (Administrative Assistant), Steve Batty (NLC Commissioner), Richard Miller (NLC Representative), Linda Gooder (Franklin Library Director), Pat Esplund and Marge Blank (Members of Franklin Library Board).

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: President Vicki Casper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and introductions were made. Vicki thanked Linda and her Board members for hosting this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Nov. 5, 2010): Minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reports were distributed and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you from the Wilsonville Public Library for donated books was read.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Denise has been in her new position 3 days and her calendar is filling up quickly! (A detailed copy of the administrator's report is in each board member's packet.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Online Board Meeting in March:** Denise discussed the pros & cons of several options and after much discussion, Vicki Perrie made a motion that we try "Green Light", 2nd by Dana Wade. Motion carried. Denise will e-mail board members the steps to follow to set this up.
- **Summer Reading Workshop in Elwood:** This will again be held at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Date(s) of March 18, with a snow date of March 25. (Later that day Denise found out our facilitators will not be available on the 18th, so the workshop will be on the 25th. If there is a snowstorm on the 25th, we'll have to re-schedule). Coffee will be served from 9:30 – 10:00, "make & take" from 10:00 to 12:00, lunch & sharing time 12:00-12:45, and book reviews by Sally Snyder 1:00 to 2:30.

Annual Meeting Location: Steve said that the elevator at the McCook Public Library will probably not be ready in time for our June 3rd meeting. Other locations in Red Cloud, Superior, Elwood, and the Keystone Motel in McCook were discussed. Nancy, Vicki P., Jane and Steve will report back via e-mail to Denise the cost estimates, entertainment ideas, and food options for those 4 locations. We will discuss the location again at our March teleconference meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Peg Sundberg in McCook:** "Cowgirl Peg" will be presenting in McCook, Monday, Feb. 14, 2010. Her schedule includes the elementary school @ 10:00 a.m., Central Elementary @ 1:00 p.m. and a session @ the McCook Public Library after school.

Welcome Party for Denise: Vicki C. would like the System to host two "meet & greet" coffees for Denise, one in Hastings and one in McCook. Denise will check her calendar and hopefully, we can have these in February or March.

Additional items: Denise has made some changes to the RVLS webpage, she has added a blog area and stated this is a "work in progress", keep checking the site for updates. Denise will take care of the necessary paperwork to change the bank and credit card accounts, her signature will be added to them. The board agreed that it would be logical for Denise to keep the RVLS vehicle parked at her home in Hastings. Denise will send in her membership for ALA and plans to attend their convention in New Orleans this coming June.

NLC Commissioner Report: Steve didn't have anything new to report from the Commission. He did share that he is helping the McCook Library write a Library Improvement Grant for a video green screen studio. He and some students produced a video that can be seen on YouTube or the McCook Gazette website. The Bartley Library is also involved in this project.

NLC Representative Report: Richard Miller distributed a detailed copy of NLC Report to Systems. He reminded us that the Statistical Survey for fiscal year 2009-2010 is due Monday, February 14, 2011. Four Nebraska libraries are participating in the inaugural Pioneer Project, several libraries in our System are anticipating the launching of this new cataloging system. Richard stated the NLC website is being updated and should be more "user friendly" in the near future!

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, March 4, 2011 via teleconference.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Nancy Sherwood, Recording Secretary

A soup and sandwich lunch with a variety of delicious pies for dessert was served by Linda Gooder, Pat Esplund and Marge Blank at a beautiful historical home in Franklin, owned by Lucille Plank, who joined us for lunch and told the history of the house.

**Read
Across
America
March 2,
2011**



For the past 13 years, children and adults have celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading together.

Read Across America Poem

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,
To pick up a book and read with a child.
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,
To pick up a book and share what you've got.

In schools and communities,
Let's gather around,
Let's pick up a book,
Let's pass it around.

There are kids all around you,
Kids who will need
Someone to hug,
Someone to read.
Come join us March 2nd
Your own special way
And make this America's
Read to Kids Day.

For help planning your own Reading Event, including free stuff to print and reproduce, go to the official website at:

<http://www.nea.org/grants/13019.htm>

National Library Week

April 10-16, 2011

National Library Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. School, public, academic and special libraries participate. John Grisham is the 2011 Honorary Chair

The library is where stories are read, retold, written, and created every day. This year's theme, "Create Your Own Story @ your library" is based on the library's special role in inspiring stories of all kinds.



See the ALA's webpage for free promotional tools for National Library Week.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek/index.cfm>

Engage Your Teens

Grant Opportunity for Young Adult Programs

The Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust has announced the availability of small grants (under \$5,000) for school and public libraries seeking to offer innovative programs that promote reading for pleasure for young adults. **There is no specific deadline to apply.** Applications will be received and reviewed on a rolling basis. Applications that feature new or creative programs will receive special consideration over those simply seeking funds for collection development or for a book discussion group. For further information and/or for an application, please contact:

Julian L. Lapides, Esquire, Trust Manager
600 Wyndhurst Ave., Suite 246
Baltimore, MD 21210
(410) 464-0100



Please note: The Trust prefers to be contacted by postal mail or phone, which is why neither an email address or URL is provided.

Why I Need My Library Video Contest

Teens can help win up to \$3,000 for your library. Here's how:

Teens Make a Video.

Groups of up to six people can cooperate to put together an original 1-3 minute video about why they need their library.



Entries can be live-action, machinima, or a combination.

There are two age categories: 13-15 and 16-18.

Upload the video to YouTube.

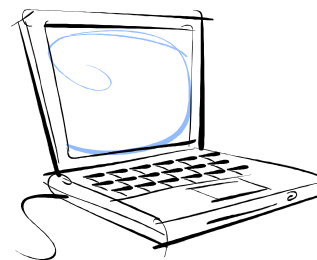
Upload the video to YouTube between January 11, 2011 and April 18, 2011.

Mail in the entry form.

The *Why I Need My Library* Video Contest is an initiative of the 2010-2011 ALA President Roberta Stevens to engage teenagers as library advocates.

For more information about this contest and all official forms, go to <http://ilovelibraries.org/whyneedyourlibrary/index.cfm>.

Mix & Mash Teen Tech Week March 6-12, 2011



This year's theme encourages creative expression by combining writing, storytelling, movies, music, and more. Teens can use any type of technology, such as a laptop, camera, flash drive, smart phone, or printer to express their creativity. Show teens all the technology available at your library and watch them create something great!!



Nebraska Library Legislative Day

Plan to attend Nebraska's Library Legislative Day on February 25, 2011. The Republican Valley Library System has libraries in five legislative districts. Find out which senator is yours with the interactive map at www.nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_find.php. The districts and senators are:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>District #</u> | <u>Home Town</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Dennis Utter | 33 | Hastings |
| Galen Hadley | 37 | Kearney |
| Tom Carlson | 38 | Holdrege |
| Tom Hansen | 42 | North Platte |
| Mark Christensen | 44 | Imperial |

8:00-9:00 a.m. Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 1126, State Capitol

Start the day off with refreshments and a visit with our senators, staff members and other librarians. ***Don't Come Alone!*** Invite your senator, trustees, and city officials, too!

9:30-10:30 a.m. Briefing at Lincoln Woman's Club—407 S. 14th

You will receive information on current legislation and library issues from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist, receive an update from State Librarian Rod Wagner.

10:30-11:30 a.m. Visit your Senator's Office! Escort them to Lunch!

Noon Lunch at the Cornhusker Hotel

Invite your senator to a great lunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Please make sure to escort him/her to the luncheon. If your senator is unable to attend, invite his/her legislative aide—they are important contacts in the lobbying process and you should get to know them.

1:15-3:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

Tour the State Library—the oldest library in Nebraska, followed by a tour of the capitol.

Register online at:

<https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=nlia&formId=94488>

Registrations must be received by: **February 20, 2011**

4 hours of Continuing Education

One World, Many Stories



Summer Reading Program Workshop

March 25th, 2011

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Elwood, NE

9:30 am—2:30 pm

Presented by Republican Valley Library System

4 CE

- 9:30—10:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee
- 10:00—12:00 a.m. Make & Take with Jody Crocker,
McCook Public Library
- 12:00—12:45 p.m. Lunch and sharing time
All participants are encouraged to bring craft
ideas to share with others.
- 1:00—2:30 p.m. "One World, Many Stories" with Sally Snyder,
NE Library Commission
- 2:30—?? Complete Evaluation and Use the Ellison OR
Network with other participants



Registration Required by March 15, 2011

Send to: Republican Valley Library System
2727 West 2nd St. #233
Hastings, NE 68901

Workshop Fee: \$15.00 (includes lunch)
Phone: 402-462-1975 or
1-800-569-4961

Or e-mail rvlsasst@inebraska.com or rvlsadmin@inebraska.com

Name: _____ Library: _____

E-mail: _____ Address: _____



On the Bookshelf

The following audiobooks have recently been added to the RVLS Collection:

- ***Bury Your Dead*** by Penny, Louise
- ***Cutting for Stone*** by Verghese, Abraham
- ***Freedom*** by Franzen, Jonathan
- ***I'd Know You Anywhere*** by Lippman, Laura
- ***One Good Dog*** by Wilson, Susan
- ***The Reversal*** by Connolly, Michael
- ***Room*** by Donoghue, Emma
- ***The Power*** by Byrne, Rhonda
- ***Three Stations*** by Smith, Martin Cruz
- ***What is Left The Daughter*** by Norman, Howard
- ***Worth Dying For*** by Child, Lee

A complete listing of our available materials is on our web page libraries.ne.gov/rvls under Services

2011 Nebraska Book Festival

The Nebraska Center for the Book has set 2011 Nebraska Book Festival for May 21, 2011, from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Nebraska State Historical Society's Nebraska History Museum, 131 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln. The Festival will again be dedicated to honoring Nebraska authors with books published in 2010 have been invited to read from their work and Writer' Workshops, led by Kelly Madigan Erlandson and Jim Reese, will be made available free of charge (courtesy of a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council).

Confirmed Nebraska writers who will read from their 2010 work include:

- Ted Kooser, *Bag in the Wind*
- James Solheim, *Born Yesterday*
- Greg Kosmicki, *New Route in the Dream*
- Sue Bauman, (writing as Laura Landon) *Shattered Dreams and When Love is Enough*
- Jim Reese, *Ghost on 3rd*
- Other to be announced

Plans for additional readings and other activities are in the works. This event promises to be another great day that motivates Nebraska readers, writers, teachers and learners to come together to hear about and talk about the most recent work of a variety of Nebraska writers. We invite you to save the date: May 21, 2011

Mark Your Calendar



February

- Feb. 3.** Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Library Finance
- Feb. 10.** Registration closes for Basic Skills Module-Management & Supervision
- Feb 14.** Public Library Statistical Survey is due
- Feb. 14.** Author Visit—Cowgirl Peg in McCook
- Feb. 14-20. . .** Random Acts of Kindness Week (see page 15)
- Feb. 16.** Let's Get Acquainted—Open House, RVLS Office (see page 2)
- Feb 16-17. . .** NASA Space Science Workshop— Grand Island Public Library
- Feb. 18.** Let's Get Acquainted—Open House, Culbertson Public Library (pg. 2)
- Feb. 20.** Deadline for Registration for Nebraska Library Legislative Day (pg 9)
- Feb. 24.** Last date to Post E-Rate Form 470 for FY 2011
- Feb. 25.** Nebraska Library Legislative Day (see page 9)

March

- Mar. 2.** Read Across American (see page 7)
- Mar. 4.** Registration opens for Basic Skills Module—Community and the Library
- Mar. 6-12. . .** Teen Tech Week—Mix& Mash @ your Library (see page 8)
- Mar. 18.** Registration opens for Basic Skills Module—Library Policy
- Mar. 22.** Critical Conversations (see page 4)
- Mar. 24.** Last Day to File E-Rate Form 471 for FY 2011
- Mar. 25.** Summer Reading Workshop in Elwood (see page 10)
- Mar. 26.** School Librarians' Day—University of Nebraska-Omaha

April

- Apr. 8.** Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Programming & Outreach
- Apr. 10-16. .** National Library Week (see page 7)

May

- May 6.** Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Organization of Materials
- May 21.** 2011 Nebraska Book Festival (see page 11)

2010-2011 RVLS Board Meetings

Board Members:

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Mo Khaumona, Vice President

Vicki Perrie

Sylvia Person

Sky Seery

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Dana Wade

Claudette Wielechowski



All meetings begin at 10 am.

Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed!

March 4, 2011

Conference Call

June 3, 2011

Annual Meeting, (location to be announced)

**If you are considering a career in librarianship,
you can take advantage of grant money for
college, training, or an internship from the
Nebraska Library Commission.**



The Nebraska Library Commission was awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in the amount of \$721,033. This grant will be used by NLC and Central Community College to foster the recruitment, education, and 21st century skills

development of 165 pre-professional and professional students through scholarships, internships, and stipends. The Cultivating Rural Librarians' Technology Skills program adds value to students' formal educational experiences through social and face-to-face networking opportunities and through technology skills training. The grant will also be used to recruit promising high school and college students and diverse library personnel to ensure that Nebraskans receive library services provided by knowledgeable librarians who represent a range of backgrounds and talents.

2011 RUSA Reading List



The American Library Association issued a press release during its Midwinter Meeting in San Diego announcing the titles that were named to the RUSA 2011 Reading List. Complete publishing information, synopses, and "Read-Alikes" for the list are included in the press release. The Reading List "annually recognizes the best books in eight genres: adrenaline (including suspense, thriller and adventure), fantasy, historical fiction, horror, mystery, romance, science fiction and women's fiction." The press release can be viewed at <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=6018>.

The winners for 2011 are as follows:

Adrenaline

The Nearest Exit, by Olen Steinhauer

Fantasy

Under Heaven, by Guy Gavriel Kay

Historical Fiction

The Invisible Bridge, by Julie Orringer

Horror

The Dead Path, by Stephen M. Irwin

Mystery

Bury Your Dead, by Louise Penny

Romance

A Matter of Class, by Mary Balogh

Science Fiction

The Dervish House, by Ian McDonald

Women's Fiction

Solomon's Oak, by Jo Ann Mapson



The RVLS recently purchased a 2010 Ford Edge. When the weather improves, I will be using it to visit the RVLS Member Libraries.

See you soon!

Denise

Award Winning Books for Children and Young Adults

The American Library Association recently announced the winners of a number of important awards—including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery and Printz awards for children and young adults—at its Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. Following is a list of the 2011 winners:

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Winner:

A Sick Day for Amos McGee, illustrated by Erin E. Stead. Written by Philip C. Stead.

Honor Books:

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave, illustrated by Bryan Collier. Written by Laban Carrick Hill.

Interrupting Chicken, illustrated and written by David Ezra Stein.

Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African American author of outstanding books for children and young adults.

Winner:

One Crazy Summer, written by Rita Williams-Garcia.

Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award recognizing an African American illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults.

Winner:

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave, illustrated by Bryan Collier. Written by Laban Carrick Hill.

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature.

Winner:

Moon Over Manifest, written by Clare Vanderpool.

Honor Books:

Turtle in Paradise, by Jennifer L. Holm

Heart of a Samurai, by Margi Preus

Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night, by Joyce Kilmer. Illustrated by Rick Allen.

One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams-Garcia.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults.

Winner:

Ship Breaker, written by Paolo Bacigalupi

Honor Books:

Stolen, by Lucy Christopher

Please Ignore Vera Dietz, by A.S. King

Revolver, by Marcus Sedgwick

Nothing, by Janne Teller

To see a complete list of the awards presented, winners, runners-up, and reviews, go to <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=6048>



Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 14-20, 2011

Jerry Pinkney's *The Lion and the Mouse* is the perfect story to share during Random Act of Kindness week. This picture book version of Aesop's classic fable about kindness won the 2010 Caldecott Medal.

Idea from *LibrarySparks*, February 2011

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Nuckolls
Perkins
Phelps
Red Willow
Webster

**"We should not see print
and electronic literature as
in competition, but rather in
conversation. The more
voices that join in, the rich-
er the dialogue is likely to
be."***N. Katherine Hayles*